

The El Paso Museum of Archaeology Issues A Call for Faculty

Spring/Summer/Winter Camps and Weekend Classes For Children and Adults

First deadline - February 15, 2010 for Spring Camp Applications accepted year-round

The El Paso Museum of Archaeology is seeking faculty to teach spring, summer, and winter archaeology camps and weekend classes to children in elementary school through high school (age 6 to 18) and to adults year-round. Individuals are needed to teach three-hour camp sessions and/or short specialized skills classes. Highly desirable qualifications are listed below. The museum will provide general training about archaeology and the museum's exhibits as necessary to supplement the individual's knowledge and experience. Individuals from Southwestern American Indian tribes are encouraged to apply.

Camps and classes for children will be held weekdays during school breaks the week of March 15th, the weeks of June 14th through August 9th, and the week of December 27th, 2010, and on weekends throughout the year. Classes are held when minimum enrollment is reached. Teachers will be paid a fee for services based on an hourly rate. Qualified applicants will be contacted and asked to submit curriculum proposals.

Highly desirable individuals have the following qualifications:

- Experience teaching children and/or adults
- English/Spanish bilingual teaching ability
- Knowledge of general principles and practices of archaeology and anthropology with a geographic specialty in U.S. Southwest and/or the Jornada Branch of the Mogollon (U.S./Mexico)
 - Artifact identification
 - Archaeological survey techniques
 - Archaeological excavation techniques
- Knowledge of contemporary cultural traditions of living indigenous peoples of the U.S. Southwest and the greater El Paso-Juárez area
- Capabilities in one or more of the specific prehistoric, historic, and contemporary indigenous skills and technologies of the U.S. Southwest and the greater El Paso-Juárez area such as but not limited to:
 - Stone tool making
 - Throwing a dart with an atlatl
 - Fiber arts including basket weaving, making thread, sandals, nets, rope etc.
 - Beadwork
 - Leatherwork
 - Shell work

- Tool making
- Pottery making and decorating
- Making musical instruments
- Making pigments and paints
- Fire making
- Knowledge of native peoples use of Chihuahuan Desert plants
- Knowledge of native peoples plant cultivation practices
- Knowledge of Chihuahuan Desert fauna
- Cooking with Chihuahuan Desert plants
- Traditional foodways
- Dance
- Storytelling
- Games
- Other skills proposed by the applicant
- Specific artifacts proposed by the applicant

To apply, please send a letter of interest and resume by February 15th to teach camp the week of March 15, 2010. Applications will be accepted year-round for all camps and classes. Application materials should include the following information:

- Contact information, name, mailing address, phone number, email address
- Education: degree(s), institution, completion date(s)
- Teaching experience
- Formal or informal archaeological or cultural experience
- Personal background applicable to qualifications specified above
- Teaching age group preference
- Language(s) of instruction
- Materials documenting experience and qualifications
- References

Prior to being engaged as contract instructors, applicants are subject to a background check and fingerprinting by the City of El Paso Police Department and must complete a City of El Paso Vendor Information Form and the IRS W-9 Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification form.

For more information contact Marilyn Guida, Curator of Education, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology at 915-755-4332 or via email at guidamr@elpasotexas.gov.

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